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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 98, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report filed on October 1, 2001 from the corresponding International application listed on the attached Form PTO 1449.

Applicants present these references so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see <u>Beckman Instruments</u>, <u>Inc. v. Chemtronics</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106. Applicants respectfully request that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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